

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the present application, claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-10 have been allowed. Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected. By this amendment, claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application directed towards the cancelled subject matter. No new claims have been added and no new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wendt et al. (U.S.P.N. 4,258,821) in view of Das et al. (U.S.P.N. 5,274,200).

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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In light of Applicant's decision to cancel claims 11 and 12, the aforementioned rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank Examiner San Martin for his time and efforts in reviewing the Applicant's remarks and finding the subject matter of claims 1-10 allowable.


Applicant also appreciates Examiner San Martin's willingness to discuss the subject matter of claims 11 and 12.

Conclusion

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

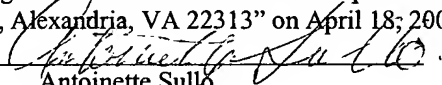
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